[9th August 1939

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether 'Sardar' was recognized by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"'Sardar' falls under the class which I referred to as 'expressions of regard and respect universally recognized' in the country."

Expenditure for Revenue Divisional offices and proposal, if any, to abolish them.

* 19 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total expenditure incurred by the Government is for all the Revenue Divisional offices in the Presidency in 1938–39; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to abolish these offices?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) The Budget Estimate and the Revised Estimate for 1938–39 are given below:—

	Budget estimate.	Revised estimate.
	RS.	RS.
Charged	5,28,000	4,69,000
Voted	14,22.300	15,06,200
Total ..	19,50,300	19,75,200

"The actual expenditure for that year is not yet available.

"(*b*) There is no such proposal."

Patients thrown out of the Tirumani Leper Settlement and other leper asylums and provisions for housing them.

* 20 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to refer to the answer given to my question No. 248 on 12th May 1939 and to state—

(*a*) whether the Government can now give the approximate number of the leper patients thrown out of the Tirumani Leper Settlement and leper asylums aided by the Government as a result of the action taken on G.O. Ms. No. 4535, P.H., dated 19th December 1938;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained if any charitable institutions have undertaken to house and care for such thrown-out patients;

(*c*) if so, which of them and to what extent such offers have been made; and

(*d*) whether the Government are prepared to give grant-in-aid to such agencies?